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BAR HILL NEWSLETTER

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The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents.

New Residents

We welcome this month:
Mr. and Mrs. Woods, 118 Pheasant Rise; Mr. Ford, 137 Pheasant Rise
Mr. and Mrs. Evans, 49 Fox Hollow.

Village Green - Play Equipment

It is very likely that the swings and roundabout will be erected and available for use by August 10th. Parents of younger children are therefore advised to take care with children who are not used to the dangers of swings and roundabouts.

The Royal British Legion

The Wine and Cheese evening was a success, also the summer fair: thanks to all. On Saturday, 21st September there will be a Dance and Social (8 p.m. - 12) in the School, with licensed bar and raffle. (Tickets, including refreshments, 60p and 40p OAPs).

Bar Hill Church Centre

The new Bookings Secretary for the Church Centre is Mrs. A. Pitman, 1 Otter Close (80461 Monday to Friday, 9 - 3.30; otherwise 80216).

Newcomers

We thank all concerned for the help given for our Cake Stall at the Fair. There are no meetings during August, but we hope to see you all in September: our first meeting will be on the 12th, with a speaker from Oxfam. Please watch for further details.

Playgroup

We are rather distrubed that some people are taking longer and longer to pay their fees. As our finances are very carefully worked out and we work within tight limits, we feel that next term we must be much stricter about payment. Would you please pay your bills not later than a fortnight after the beginning of term; if you do not do this, you MUST pay a week's bill the first time your child comes to Playgroup that week. If you want to pay weekly throughout the half-term, this can be arranged.

Christmas seems a long way off, but we are already thinking about our Christmas Fair, which we hope will be bigger and better than ever before. Our monthly collections have provided us with a lot of useful things which will be used for the fair. Thank you to everyone who has put things in the fish tank; we are still collecting during the holidays, and the objects in the following long list would be particularly useful:

Lavender. Rose petals, carnations, pinks, any sweet-smelling petals. Poppy seed heads. Honesty. Big fir cones. Beads, cotton-reels, buttons, buckles. Tights. Glass jars with or without stoppers, e.g. special coffee jars - not jamjars.

Please bring all contributions to: Christine Sherrat, 34 Oatlands Av.; J. Bishop, 18 Acorn Avenue.

Bar Hill Horticultural Society

We have at last secured more permanent premises from which to operate offering horticultural supplies, and shall be open on Sunday mornings, 11.30 - 12.30 at the garage of 18 Almond Grove. This facility is for members of the Horticultural Society.

Membership fee on joining is 25p and the annual subscription is also 25p (for new members joining now the subscription for the rest of this year is 10p). A letter has been sent to all existing members giving information about the Society at present.

The results of this year's Garden Competition were as follows:

Best Established Garden (1) Mr. Leverington, 47 Acorn Avenue; (2) Mr. Botfield, 7 Almond Grove; (3) Mr. Phillips, 48 Acorn Avenue.
Best New Garden (less than 18 months old) (1) Mr. Ginn, 50 Pheasant Rise; (2) Mr. Johnstone, 45 Fox Hollow.
Best Garden Feature Mr. Wilkins, 6 Almond Grove (pool and rockery).

The Finals judges (members of the Royal Horticultural Society, and the Newmarket Horticultural Society), and our committee, were very encouraged to see the growing standards of Bar Hill gardens and the increased enthusiasm for the Competition. There were many more entries for the Flower Show than in previous years, and it is hoped that those who did not gain an award this year will not be discouraged from entering next year.

Parish Council Meeting, 16th July 1974

1. New Clerk/Treasurer Mark Pettit of 28 Acorn Avenue (Crafts Hill 80400) was confirmed as Clerk. There had been three applicants for the post.
2. Village Green Contractors were still delaying the work necessary to finish the Village Green. The suppliers of play equipment had promised delivery of swings and roundabout during August.
3. A604 Junction The work done recently by the County Council was not felt to be sufficient to help the flow of traffic out of the Village towards Huntingdon. The County Council were to be asked to make further improvements.
4. Trees Further trees were to be ordered for the Arboretum, under a scheme organised by the County Council.
5. Playgroup An approach for financial assistance towards the cost of a new Playgroup building was sympathetically received and would be considered before the next meeting.
6. Planning Application Cambridge Consultants were intending to extend their present offices. The Council welcomed the plans.
7. Allotments The developers were to be approached about the use of the designated land before the conveyance was signed.
8. Vacancies on the Parish Council There are now two vacancies on the Council (the seats formerly held by Mrs. Purvey and Mr. Pettit). So far three applications have been received by the Clerk; but will anyone who is interested please contact the Clerk immediately. Elections cannot be held and the Parish Council will be making two appointments from the applicants, probably at a private meeting on 9th August. Any queries to the Clerk, please.
9. Next Meeting None in August, the next being in the School at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th September. These meetings are open to everybody and there is time for questions at the end of the meetings.

Bar Hill Residents Association
From the Secretary's Notepad

Summer Fete and Flower Show Our thanks to all those Village organisations who took part in the Fete and helped make it a success. A number of residents have asked me since, what the proceeds were going to. Well . . each organisation arranged its own stall, sideshow, etc. and, apart from a deduction to cover the costs of the hall and advertising, all profits were then kept for the charity or cause. The Cancer Research toy stall raised £33 and still had plenty of stock left. The Cambs. Society for Autistic Children raised £3.13 in the "Guess the Doll's Birthday" competition (4th February!): many thanks to those who entered. Two special thank-yous to Stan Dixon for providing a number of sideshows and to Wally Reeve, the caretaker, for his help in "getting the show on the road".

Caravans Following my request in last month's Newsletter, two residents contacted me, offering their support if we approached the Developers to get a site in the Village for storing the vans. The Committee have decided therefore that no further action is required at present. Perhaps the caravan owners themselves would like to do some canvassing round the Village, to see if more support can be raised?

Committee membership Some vacancies have arisen on the BHRA Committee which we are anxious to fill. If anyone is interested in joining, or knows of someone who might be, please let me know. Meetings are held once a month (every 3rd Friday).

Advertising As you will see, for the next two months we are experimenting with an Adverting Supplement. We hope this is a success, and would like to thank our advertisers and Advertising Manager, Jeff Rodbard. If you would like to advertise (including small ads) in next month's Newsletter, please contact: J. Rodbard, 27 Fox Hollow (80269) by Friday, 23rd August (n.b. advertising copy will not be accepted by the Editor). I can honestly recommend the In Plaice for a good meal. Nice to see you, John!

Amenity Charges The Board of Bar Hill Developments have announced that as from 1st January 1974 the charges to residents will be based on the gross rateable value of the property. Consequently, existing residents should not pay any more, and in many cases the sum should be reduced. This statement obviously raises certain question, e.g. the method of payment, the possible alteration to leases, etc.; but the Committee have stated in the past that we were agreed that this was basically a fairer system. We would be grateful therefore for residents' comments, which we will pass on.

Kevin Read-Jones, 23 Fox Hollow (80384)

Conservative Association

Treasure Hunt, 7th July: won by Mr. and Mrs. P. Wood; 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Rodbard, 3rd Mr. and Mrs. D. Edwards. Our thanks to all those who took part and made it enjoyable. We are holding an "Ugly Bug Ball" at 8 p.m. on Friday, 6th September in the School. Tickets £1 per head, including supper and dancing to a group. Suitable dress, please!

Advertisement Having trouble finding a window cleaner? Phone 80259 for an inexpensive and reliable service.

LOCAL SHOP NEWS

HOBARD

FREE TOOTHBRUSH OFFER

This month we are giving away an ADDIS DUET toothbrush to every customer spending £1 or more. This offer is limited to 500 brushes only and cannot be repeated! So don't leave it too late!

Late night opening

For customers' convenience (not to mention our turnover) we will now be open until 8 o'clock on Friday nights, so now you can get your Friday groceries at Keymarkets, cosmetics at Hobard, and then fish and chips for tea at The In Plaice. If you have been struggling into Cambridge every weekend, give it a try.

McCULLOCH

SPECIAL FREEZER OFFER

The Bee-Kay 12 cubic foot freezer, manufacturer's price £147.00 is on offer at only £96.00, including a £5.00 free food voucher to give you a start on the stock!

Pop in for further information.

THE IN PLAICE

By the time this is circulated, we will be open, so whenever it's been "one of those days" and you've nothing to give them for tea, come in and see John for a meal that is quick, tasty, and economical - (and no washing up!)

D.I.Y. CENTRE

ALL DULUX paints are reduced by 20p in the £, so how about making a start on that decorating you've been meaning to do! In addition, a 24 hour service is given on wallpaper orders. A good range of Contiplas, Contiboard, and many other D.I.Y. and gardening items are always in stock.

BERYL'S

Entire stock of children's winter wear is now reduced, so buy early to save. Also, all secondhand bikes for sale are reduced this month by £1.00

KEY MARKETS

Wines and spirits at deep-cut prices throughout the range. Start saving in the Christmas club now!